(d) NIL, other than those mentioned in reply to parts (a) to (c) above.

Corporatisation of Mints and Security Presses

2934. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to corporatise Government mints and security printing presses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the trade unions served strike notices opposing corporatisation;

(d) if so, the present status and the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The decision to corporatise the Mints/Presses is based on the need for greater efficiency and faster decision making. The thinking to have a wholly owned Corporation without diluting any holding of the Government.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Several rounds of discussions have been held with the Unions to convince them that the interests of the workers would be fully protected under the new Corporation

(e) No, Sir.

World Bank assistance for projects in Uttar Pradesh

2935. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects launched with the assistance of World Bank in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of funds granted by the World Bank for carrying out the works during the last three years?